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System, method and computer program product for a bulletin board feature in a supply chain management framework

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agreed strategic objectives provide franchisees and retailers with the Supply Chain information they need to operate efficiently and make effective management decisions minimally impacts the resources of Supply chain management.

[2198] With Supply Chain management assuming full responsibility for managing the fundamentals of the Supply Chain system, Supply Chain participants are strategically positioned to focus on the six business priorities that have been identified: operational excellence, boosting sales growth, focusing resources, discovering the essence of the Brand, image transformation and revitalizing franchisee relations.

[2199] While various embodiments have been described above, it should be understood that they have been presented by way of example only, and not limitation. Thus, the breadth and scope of a preferred embodiment should not be limited by any of the above described exemplary embodiments, but should be defined only in accordance with the following claims and their equivalents.

What is claimed is:

1. A method for a bulletin board feature in a supply chain management framework, comprising:

a) collecting data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network;

b) displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the data; and

c) generating an electronic order form based on the data utilizing the network-based interface for ordering goods from selected distributors of the supply chain, wherein the network-based interface includes a bulletin board displaying information received from each of the stores, the information relating to the distributors for facilitating the selection of the distributors.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the information relates to a timeliness of deliveries made by the distributors.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the information relates to a quality of the goods delivered by the distributors.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the information relates to a price of the goods delivered by the distributors.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein a store from which the information is received is identified.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein the store from which the information is received is identified utilizing an electronic mail address for communication purposes.

7. A system for a bulletin board feature in a supply chain management framework, comprising:

a) logic for collecting data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network;

b) logic for displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the data; and

c) logic for generating an electronic order form based on the data utilizing the network-based interface for ordering goods from selected distributors of the supply chain, wherein the network-based interface includes a bulletin board displaying information received from each of the stores, the information relating to the distributors for facilitating the selection of the distributors.

8. The system of claim 7, wherein the information relates to a timeliness of deliveries made by the distributors.

9. The system of claim 7, wherein the information relates to a quality of the goods delivered by the distributors.

10. The system of claim 7, wherein the information relates to a price of the goods delivered by the distributors.

11. The system of claim 7, wherein a store from which the information is received is identified.

12. The system of claim 11, wherein the store from which the information is received is identified utilizing an electronic mail address for communication purposes.

13. A computer program product for a bulletin board feature in a supply chain management framework, comprising:

a) computer code for collecting data from a plurality of stores of a supply chain utilizing a network;

b) computer code for displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the data; and

c) computer code for generating an electronic order form based on the data utilizing the network-based interface for ordering goods from selected distributors of the supply chain, wherein the network-based interface includes a bulletin board displaying information received from each of the stores, the information relating to the distributors for facilitating the selection of the distributors.

14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the information relates to a timeliness of deliveries made by the distributors.

15. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the information relates to a quality of the goods delivered by the distributors.

16. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the information relates to a price of the goods delivered by the distributors.

17. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein a store from which the information is received is identified.

18. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the store from which the information is received is identified utilizing an electronic mail address for communication purposes.

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